

About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

YOUR Uncle John Philip Sousa, although he is a Lieutenant in the navy, just cannot divorce himself from his own particular and private band. In recognition of his untiring efforts in tutoring young toasters to toot in the Great Lakes Naval Station Band, which numbers 1,000 young men, the Government has given him twelve weeks' leave of absence, and he will use it touring this country and Canada with Sousa's Band, opening in Poughkeepsie, June 24. The tour will be under the direction of Edwin G. Clarke and Harry Askin.

EACH TO HIS CALLING.
Felix Adler was in the smoking compartment of a Pullman coming East the other day. Four other men were in the room. When Mr. Adler said he was from New York, one man asked:

"How was the theatrical season in New York?" He was a Minneapolis theatre manager.
"Are New Yorkers eating much beef?" asked another. He was a Nebraska cattle raiser.
"What kind of a Mayor is Hyman making?" asked a third. He was a Chicago politician.
"Say," came from the fourth, "who have they electrocuted since Becker?" He was a California Sheriff.

A NEW LAIT PLAY.
Word from Los Angeles says Oliver Morosco produced there Sunday evening a new play by Jack Lait entitled "One of Us," with Hertha Mann playing the leading role. The reports say both the play and Miss Mann scored hits. If Mr. Morosco thinks New York should see "One of Us" it will likely be brought to Broadway next season.

HARRIS GETS ANOTHER.
Having acquired the Flushing Theatre several weeks ago, Charles K. Harris and Zack Harris have now taken over the Murray Hill Theatre, Flushing. These new firm intentions intend to see that no guilty nickel escapes down there.

ANOTHER "MAYTIME."
The Chicago "Maytime" company opened an engagement at the Broadhurst Theatre last night. It is headed by John Charles Thomas, Carolyn Thomson and John J. Murray.

REAL WESTERN TALES.
Archie Layton was from the East. His parents were exceedingly poor. One sister cheered him before a typewriter all day long. Archie, while his only brother hopped counters in the Magnet in Jersey City. These two supported the old folks in a meagre way. Archie longed to find a gold mine and pay off the mortgage on the old farm. He had come to Big Red Nose Canyon to look around for the yellow metal. Everybody laughed at him but Alkali Jim, for Jim had a heart. To him Archie told his story.

"I will help you," said Jim. "I will steer you right and you will find gold."
Archie toiled and toiled digging in the wrong place until his hands were covered with blisters, yet every day he thought of the old folks at home and the mortgage on the farm. One day Alkali Jim said:
"Archie, go out yonder and dig like the devil and you will find gold."
Archie quickly followed Jim's advice. He took a custard pie for lunch and a box of cork-tipped cigarettes and dug like the devil. At exactly 3 o'clock he began to get disheartened, but he dug and dug. At 3:22 his pick struck something. Breathlessly he uncovered it and bore it to the assayer. Throwing it on a table he yelled:

"Eureka! I have struck gold."
He was wrong. It was plain rock. Archie is now the piano player in Bulneck Harvey's saloon at Ely, Nev.

GOSSIP.
Richard Carle, in "Furs and Feels," closes at Camp Meade June 20. George Alabama Florida is booking the show for next season.

Hugh V. O'Rourke has resigned as Night Manager of the Friars' Club to become Commissary Steward in the Naval Reserve.
Edward Plottie of Scranton has written a play about a barber and has named it "Going Over the Top." Seley & Company have put Avery Hopwood's latest farce, "Double Exposure," into rehearsal and will produce it next season.
The Six Brothers, Whitting, Whiting & Fort and Muriel de Forest joined "The Midnight Frolic" last night.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.
Jack D. - See Chamberlain Brown, Purgold Building.
M. H. S. - Pronounced as though spelled Skunk.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.
The girl who marries him just because the other girl wanted him soon wishes the O. G. had him.

FOOLISHMENT
Miss Quince slept late every morning. She looked on the sunrises with scorn. Her father said to her one day:
"You don't seem to care a thing about the sun." She said:
"The sun doesn't seem to care a thing about me."

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE
"I once jumped clear over a bill-board."
"That's nothing. I once jumped a board bill."

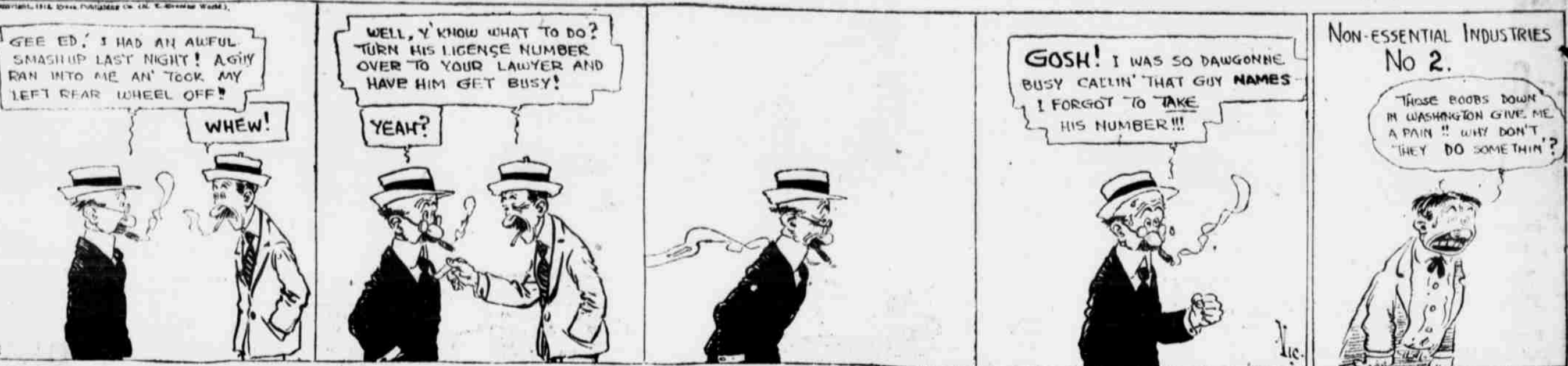
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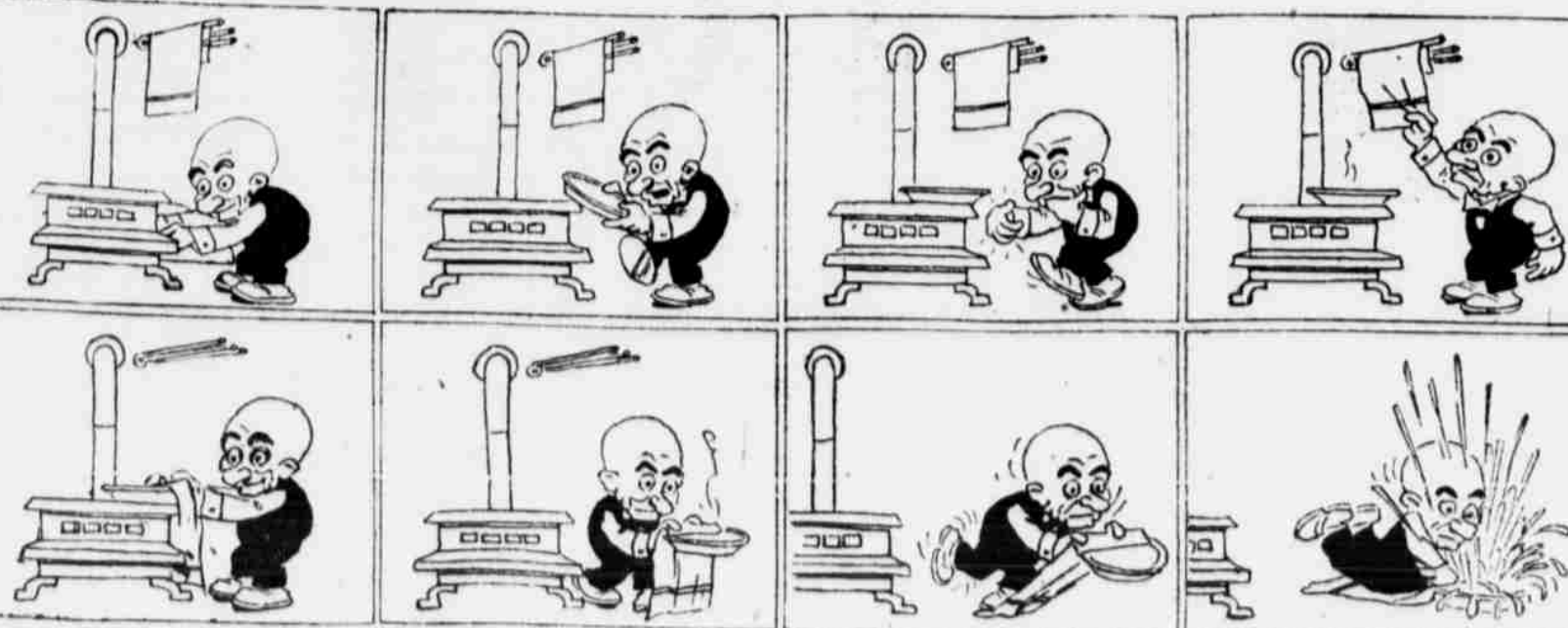
JOE'S CAR



THE BIG LITTLE FAMILY



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"SOMEWHERE IN NEW YORK"



OFFICIAL CALLER.
THE son of the well-to-do family had recently joined up as a private, and was spending his Christmas leave at home.
Returning from a walk, his mother espied a figure in the kitchen with the housemaid.
"Clarence," she called to her son. "Mary's got some one in the kitchen. She knows perfectly well that I don't allow followers. I wish you'd go and tell the man to leave the house at once."
Clarence duly departed to the kitchen, but returned in about half a minute.
"Sorry, mother, but I can't turn him out."
"Can't turn him out? Why on earth not?"
"He's my sergeant!" -- "Saturday Night."

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